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Re:

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Inventors:

Tanzi et al.

Our Ref:

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
- 2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 6, 2003, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the captioned application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, represented by claim 12. This election is made without traverse, and without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or invention disclosed.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise by provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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